

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your letter.
Mr. Ruddy is attending the
Central States Convention in
St. Louis and will attend to
your letter immediately upon
his return on April 29.

Mary King,
Secretary

April 25, 1957

Triple Cities Coin Exchange
257 Main Street
Johnson City, New York

Gentlemen:

I am very interested in Connecticut cents and would very much like to have a list of the varieties in the group which you have. After going over that list I will be able to tell whether it is worth while for me to add this group to mine. If you are running short of lists I can have it duplicated and return your list to you. I assume that your list has some indication as to the condition of coins.

Looking forward to hearing from you,

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

156
May 8, 1957

Mr. Ruddy
Triple Cities Coin Exchange
257 Main Street
Johnson City, New York

Dear Mr. Ruddy:

I enjoyed, very much, meeting you at the convention in St. Louis and having the opportunity of looking over your very nice collection of Connecticut coppers. I am enclosing a list of those which I do not have and if you do not sell the collection as a whole I would be very interested in acquiring all or a portion of these. As you know, I did not examine their condition and merely checked your varieties against my inventory. I did not want to consume too much of your time.

I am certainly sorry to see you give up your interest in Connecticut and, although my interest has been mild up to now, it certainly can become activated by adding those from your collection which I do not have. You will note that while there are a number of the rarer ones which I do not have, there are a great many of the 33 obverse which are in my collection.

Since you are in the coin business, I have many duplicates of the standard U. S. series and if you care to suggest an exchange on some basis on which you could be benefited, please do not hesitate to suggest it.

I was so busy during the convention that I did not have the opportunity to discuss this further with you.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

May 15, 1957

Mr. Ruddy
Triple Cities Coin Exchange
257 Main Street
Johnson City, New York

Dear Mr. Ruddy:

I just had a talk with another collector and he is also interested in Connecticut cents. It occurs to me that there is a possibility that the two of us might be able to take the entire collection which you are offering for sale.

The price, as it now stands, is higher than we are willing to pay as it must include travelling expenses, etc. which you incurred. If the price is, therefore, reduced a material amount, please get in touch with me as there would be an interest for the collection as a whole. If any items are removed from the collection, I would have no further interest in the matter.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

Triple Cities Coin Exchange

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JAMES F. RUDDY

Member:

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A. P. S.

May 16, 1957

Mr. Eric P. Newman
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

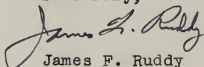
Dear Mr. Newman:

Thank you for your letter and list of Connecticut Cents which I received today. I have not yet sold the set but have decided to wait for another month and rerun the ad in the (Scrapbook) Magazine. If I do not sell the entire set by then, I will send you the coins you are interested in with a price on the lot.

I would be willing to accept certain types of U.S. coins in trade for the Connecticut Cents. I do not handle late proof sets or rolls of coins, but I would be interested in such things as choice Unc. early half dollars, Barber coins in Unc. condition, Indian head or early Lincoln head cents in Br. Unc. condition, or certain proof coins before 1916. Of course, there are many other things I can use for stock but this will give you a general idea of what I want. I would also be interested in certain varieties of the New Jersey cent for my personal collection and will send you a list of the varieties I need when I send you the Connecticut.

It was very nice talking with you in St. Louis and I enjoyed your talk on Colonial coins very much.

Sincerely,



James F. Ruddy

JFR:mk

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May 18, 1957

Mr. Eric P. Newman
c/o Edison Brothers Stores Inc
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

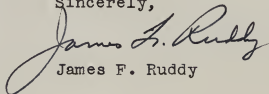
In reference to our telephone conversation yesterday, I am enclosing the collection of 160 different varieties of Connecticut cents. For this collection I want either \$800.00 cash or between \$900.00 and \$1,000.00 catalog value of half dollars up to 1839 in choice Unc. condition; mint marked Barber half dollars in choice Unc. condition; Philadelphia mint Barber half dollars in proof condition; Indian head cents from 1856 to 1879 in bright Unc. condition; Lincoln head cents before 1934 in bright Unc. condition or choice Unc. large cents or half cents.

Send me the coins you wish to trade or return the Connecticut cents as soon as possible as I have another ad appearing in this months Scrapbook advertising my collection.

You mentioned over the phone that you didn't see where I got such a high price for the Connecticut cents and that you did not think that I would have to pay much more than \$10.00 for some of the coins. This is essentially true. There were only half a dozen coins that I paid over \$10.00 for, but there were many that I paid from \$5.00 to \$10.00 for and if I sell the 160 coins for \$800.00 that is a break down of only \$5.00 a coin, which I think is quite reasonable for a collection this complete.

I do hope we can get together on a trade that will be beneficial to both of us. Please let me hear from you soon.

Sincerely,



James F. Ruddy

JFR:mk
Enc.

May 29, 1957

Mr. James F. Ruddy
Triple Cities Coin Exchange
227 Main Street
Johnson City, New York

Dear Jim:

I exhibited your collection of Connecticut cents to the other party who was interested in sharing them with me but, apparently, their general condition was not such as sustained his interest. I had hoped that a mutually beneficial arrangement could be worked out between all of us but, apparently, we are now back to where we started with you having the list of the items in the collection which I do not have. I am returning the collection to you under separate cover except for 1787 Miller 1(1)-VV which I would like to photograph even though it is badly scratched on the important side. It may well be the best specimen available, in any event.

Thank you for your cooperation and kindness and if anything further develops on your willingness to sell the items individually I would be particularly interested in five 1785's, which I do not have, the three 1786's, which I do not have, and the above-mentioned 1(1)-VV.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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JAMES F. RUDDY

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June 21, 1957

Mr. Eric Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

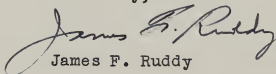
Dear Mr. Newman:

It has been some time since I have heard from you and I wondered if you are finished with the Connecticut cent 1-1-VV.

I have not been successful in selling my Connecticut set collection and am therefore planning on breaking up the set. I have the list of coins you wanted and will let you know just what price I want for those particular coins in a week or so. I do wish to have the 1-1-VV back again so that I may show another interested party.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



James F. Ruddy

JFR:mk

June 24, 1957

Mr. James F. Ruddy
Triple Cities Coin Exchange
257 Main Street
Johnson City, N. Y.

Dear Jim:

It so happens I just completed a picture of your 1-1-VV and I was going to send it to you this morning. I am going away on my vacation the end of this week so if you have a price on the 1-1VV or the 1786 2(1)-D(3), I will be glad to hear of them by return mail.

I am returning the coin herewith.

As far as the larger group of coins which I do not have, you have lots of time to give me your suggestion on those. I am sorry I was not able to put over the collection as a whole but the value of coins seems to depend on popularity and popularity fades in and out with the wind.

Have a pleasant summer.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

September 6, 1957

Mr. James F. Ruddy
Triple Cities Coin Exchange
227 Main Street
Johnson City, New York

Dear Jim:

Just a follow-up to see whether you have sold
the 1787 Miller 1(1)-VV or the 1786 Miller 2(1)-
D3 Connecticut which I am interested in.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

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JAMES F. RUDDY

Member:

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A. P. S.

September 20, 1957

Mr. Eric P. Newman
c/o Edison Brothers Stores Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Eric:

I am in the process of selling the entire set of Connecticut cents. The only one I will be able to keep is the 1787 1(1)-VV and I am doing so for you. Just as soon as the deal is completed I will send you the coin.

As you know I collect New Jersey cents and wonder if you would be interested in trading duplicate varieties? Please let me know what you have to trade and I will send you my duplicate list.

Sincerely,



JFR/GB

May 21, 1958

Mr. James F. Ruddy
Empire Coin Company, Inc.
252 Main Street
Johnson City, New York

Dear Jim:

Congratulations on your new enterprise and the interesting brochure. I will enjoy receiving it from you. I would like to have another copy.

Please send me, on approval, the following items listed:

1787 Vermont cent	\$ 8.00
1788 Vermont cent	\$ 4.00
1688 Florida Plantation Token, original,	\$16.00

I telephoned you today to give you my order but you were out of the city and hope you will give me priority on that account.

HOWEVER, THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS THAT YOU SEND ME ALL COUNTERFEIT BRITISH HALFPENCE OF 1787 OR 1788 OR, IN FACT, ANY DATE AFTER 1775. I WILL BUY ANY OF THEM WHICH I DO NOT HAVE. Your list says that you have some.

I will return all of the coins which I do not have by return mail as I would not want you to miss a sale to anyone else.

Have you any idea where Thomas Machin's papers can be located? I have looked for them for years. They were available over 100 years ago when the History of Schoharie County, by Jephtha R. Simms, was written, but I have checked several libraries and Historical Societies in New York, without success.

Kindest regards,

Eric P. Newman

EMPIRE COIN COMPANY, Inc.

James F. Ruddy Q. David Bowers

— Members A.N.A., A. N. S. —

252 MAIN STREET

JOHNSON CITY, N. Y.

PHONE 9-3101

EVENINGS 7-0411



May 28, 1958

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Eric:

Thank you for your good wishes in our new enterprise.

I am sorry to say that we sold the Florida Token at the New York Convention, and the two Vermont Cents through the mail two weeks ago. As for the British Halfpence, the small collection that we have is on consignment and the owner doesn't wish to break them up. Also, I don't believe there were any counterfeits in that group. I am sorry that I can't help you but I'll keep you in mind on the above mentioned items in the near future.

Dave Bowers is doing some research on Thomas Machin and I will have him send you any information he has when he gets through with this semester of college.

Sincerely,

EMPIRE COIN CO., INC.


James. F. Ruddy

JFR:LT

August 13, 1958

Empire Topics
Empire Coin Company
252 Main Street
Johnson City, New York

Gentlemen:

In your Issue No. 2 of Empire Topics, there are so many items I would like to file separately in my numismatic files that I would like to have two additional copies. Would you be kind enough to favor me accordingly?

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

P.S. Fugio returned herewith. It is h-E with many die breaks, one of which resembles a period to the left of Y. This probably was virtually the last use of the die.

I look forward to the results of your trip to Machin's Mill.

E.P.N.

October 13, 1960

Mr. James Ruddy
Empire Topics
252 Main Street
Johnson City, New York

Dear Jim:

I was sorry to see you and Dave go on separate paths but such is life. Since you have kept the insignia of the Immune Columbia piece I will always be looking forward to seeing that emblem.

Would you be nice enough to send me an additional copy of your issue No. 11, or merely the article on Massachusetts coinage so that I can file it with my Massachusetts material. This will be true of any other issue which continues Ken's article.

I will appreciate your helpfulness.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

August 26, 1970

Mr. James Ruddy
6922 Hollywood Blvd.
Hollywood, California 90028

Dear Jim:

The amount of thought and study which went into NEW PHOTOGRADE was, obviously, enormous.

What will appeal to most of us is that the word descriptions of the various conditions are precise and short.

Thank you for giving our library this book.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

November 26, 1974

Mr. James F. Ruddy
Bowers and Ruddy Galleries
6922 Hollywood Blvd.
Los Angeles, California 90028

Dear Jim:

I have a nice letter from Dave and will answer him in due course.

I am returning herewith your Virginia half pence which I have finally determined is 10-W. This is a new variety published in American Numismatic Society museum notes.

As to the 1877 Indian Cent, the owner does not wish to part with it for \$400, so there is nothing I can do but ask for it to be sent back.

The next time I come to Los Angeles I will not be so short with both of you. I had to catch a plane and had about four stops to make on the way.

You and I are both lucky that our wives enjoy working with us in the same business.

Let me know if there is anything else I can do for you.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

EPN:jah

Encl.

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

December 13, 1974

Mr. James F. Ruddy
Bowers and Ruddy Galleries
6922 Hollywood Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90028

Dear Jim:

I have the enclosed 10 New York notes available, and since you collect \$3 items, you may buy them for \$78.00 which is the price to me. If interested, please let me know and I'll send them. As you see, they include 4 others from which I can't break the \$3 out.

\$3 Notes

Williamsburgh City Bank
Black River Bank
Oneida Bank
Dutchess County
Bank of N. Y. (1819)
Waternliet Bank*

*The Waternliet also includes a \$1, \$2, \$5, \$10.

Happy holiday.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

EPN:jah

Encl.

Ruddy Collections of Connecticut

Die Varieties needed by ERIC P Newman
 400 Washington
 St. Louis 2 Mo.

C
1785

5 ² F ⁵	R ⁴ g	33 ²⁸ Z ¹¹	g
6 ¹ A ¹	R ³ g	33 ²⁹ gg ¹	vg
6 ³ G ¹	R ³ g	33 ³⁰ EE	vg
6 ⁴ K ¹	R ⁵ vg	33 ³¹ gg ²	vg
7 ² D	R ⁵ p	33 ³³ Z ¹¹	g
		33 ³⁴ Z ³	g
		33 ³⁶ T ¹	vg

1786

2 ¹ D ³	R ⁶ vg strong	33 ³⁸ Z ¹	vg
4 ² R	R ⁵ p	33 ³⁸ Z ²³	vg
5 ¹ H	R ⁵ p	33 ⁴⁴ W ³	g
		33 ⁴⁵ W ²	g
		37 ³ i	g

1787

1 ¹ - VV	R ⁶ vg but bristly scutellus and new.	37 ⁶ k ⁴	vg +
22 g ²	R ⁵ g	37 ⁸ LL	g
24 FF	R ⁶ g	37 ¹² LL	g
32 ¹ X ³	o p	43 ² X ⁴	R ⁶ g
32 ² X ⁴	g		
32 ⁴ X ⁵	vg		

32 ⁸ aa	g
33 ² Z ⁵	vg
33 ² Z ¹⁷	vg
33 ² Z ²¹	g
33 ² Z ²²	vg
33 ⁵ Z ²²	p
33 ⁹ Z ²	g
33 ¹³ Z ⁶	g
33 ¹³ Z ⁷	p
33 ¹⁰ L ²	vg
33 ²⁰ Z ⁹	f
33 ²³ hh ²	g
33 ²⁵ Z ¹⁰	vg
33 ²⁴ r ⁴	vg

1788

6-H	g
15 ² P	g
16 ⁵ H	g

1785 ~~43-D~~
 5²-F⁵ R⁴
 6¹-A¹ R³
 6³-G¹ R³
 6⁴-K¹ R²
 7²-D R⁵

1786 2¹ D³ (R⁶)
 4²-R R⁵
 5¹-H R⁵

1787 1¹-VV (R⁶)

~~22~~-g² R⁵

24-FF R⁶

~~26-AA~~

~~30-X¹~~ (I am getting elsewhere)

32¹-X³

32²-X⁴

32⁴-X⁵

32⁸-aa

33²-Z⁵

33² Z¹⁷ 33⁴⁵-W²
 33² Z²¹ 37³-i
 33² Z²² 37⁶-L⁴
 33⁵ T² 37⁸-LL
 33⁹-A² 37¹²-LL
 33¹³-Z⁶ 43²-X⁴
 33¹³-Z⁷ rare

33¹⁶-L²

33²⁰-Z⁹

33²³-AL²

33²⁵-Z¹⁰

33²⁷-R⁴

33²⁸-Z¹¹

33²⁹-gg¹

33³⁰-EE

33³¹-gg²

33³³-Z¹¹

33³⁴-Z³

33³⁶-T¹

33³⁸-Z¹

33³⁹-Z²³

33⁴⁴-W³

1788

6-H terrible

15² P

16⁵ H terrible

~~16⁶ H~~

Jim Eudley